

Madison County Weed Board

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Crew Interviews were held at 10:30. The Board interviewed 5 new applicants for field personnel. After a short discussion John Armstrong made motion to hire Jonathon McGeary, Ella Todd, Katie Liles & Clint Layng. Charlie Gilman seconded. Motion carried. The Board would also like welcome back Ed Burk, Ed Osborn, Clint Parsons, Dennis Knutson, Kyle Koenig for field personnel & Sam Korsmoe, Compliance Tech & Bob Davis, Program Assistant. Bob has informed the Board that this will be his last year with the Weed Board. He has been with the Weed Board for over 20 years. The Board would like to thank Bob for all his hard work and dedication over the years. All of us here at the Weed Board will miss Bob & would like to wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

Convened for lunch

The Regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board for April 26th, 2007 was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Chairperson Betty Sykes. Present at the meeting were Board members, John Armstrong, Chuck Buus & Charlie Gilman. Absent was Ted Coffman. The Board would like to welcome Charlie Gilman as our newest Board member representing the Ruby district. Margie Edsall Coordinator, Janie Alt, Office Assistant, & Bob Davis, Program Assistant was present for part of Crew Interviews

John Armstrong made a motion to approve the February 15th, 2007 Board minutes as presented. Betty Sykes Seconded.

Old Business:

Office & Program Activities: Margie has revised the County Weed Management plan. This has to be done every two years. She presented a copy to the Board as well as to Commissioners Dave Schulz, Jim Hart and Lewis Stahl, to review and will make any changes necessary.

5 new weeds possibly to be listed are Hoary Alyssum, Blueweed, Japanese Knotweed, Flowering Rush & Scotch Broom.

Jean Caddy, was hired in a part time position as the Big Hole Watershed Coordinator. Margie has submitted proposals to the Twin Bridges & Ennis Airports to do sterile work. Sam Korsmoe, Compliance Tech has been identifying new landowner in the grant areas and is also setting a protocol for past clients to be sure they are still in compliance with their Weed Management Plans.

Vehicle & Equipment: Margie approached the Board with the possibility of buying a couple 4wheelers to loan out to landowners for spraying. Concerns were brought up about liability. After discussing the issue, the Board agreed that it would be better to just purchase the tanks for the 4wheelers to loan out to the landowners. Margie will purchase 4-14 gallon tanks & a few more back packs. Also discussed were replacing the 95 Ford Diesel & purchase of a new lap top computer. Board gave Margie their approval.

FW&P Agreement: The Board reviewed and signed a 2 year agreement with FW&P that Madison County would continue to spray the fishing accesses within Madison County. The

County received an additional \$1000.00 to maintain accesses. There are 23 accesses throughout Madison County. Madison County treats 21 of them. The County will not be treating the Coy Brown Bridge access on the Ruby next year due to the fact that the lease will not be renewed with FW&P.

Other Old Business: None

New Business:

Intern Mapping: Margie approached the Board with the possibility of hiring an intern next season to do mapping for the Weed Board.

Ennis Bio Control: Madison County has facilitated this program for the last 2 years. MVRG agreed to facilitate the Bio Project this year. Margie asked the Board if they would consider letting the MVRG take over facilitating the program. Margie also asked the Board if they would be willing to contribute \$3500.00 to the program. Chuck Buus motioned to let MVRG take over facilitating the Bio Project and to contributing up to \$3500.00.

Coop. Workday Meals: Forest Service approached Margie asking her to contribute the food for the Timber Creek Spray Day. She asked the Board their thoughts. After some discussion it was agreed upon that the Weed Board will not be contributing to the food for the spray day.

Weed Management Plans: 3 Right-of-Way plans were submitted Jolene Brush, Larry Perry & Logan Schendel, and 2 Subdivision plans, Mountain Lake Summit View and Bradley Creek. All plans were approved and signed.

Grants Vigilante Phase II was funded \$15,161.00, Upper Jefferson has 15,650.00, remaining. Norwegian /S. Willow Creek for \$26,890.00 and the Madison for \$71,192.00. The Madison grant took a cut of \$15,000.00. To make up the deficit, Margie asked the Board if she could use funds out of the 2840 Trust Fund budget and the Special County grant to supplement the cost share for landowners. Board Approved.

Budget Margie is working on the preliminary budget. The Regular 2140 has \$310,676.00 Trust Fund 2840 has \$ 55,000

Other New Business: Margie and Commissioner Dave Schulz have been discussing the possibility of moving the old County Road Shop on the property of the Weed Shop.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45

Next meeting will be on Thursday May 17th @ 1:30 p.m.

Hope to see you all there

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Janie Alt, Office Assistant